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ABSTRACT

In order to better serve the senior population in its community, Johnson County Community College (JCCC) (Kansas) created the Brown and Gold Club (named after the school colors), which offers JCCC education and special events to adults age 55 and over. Membership in the club now exceeds 4,800 people. Not only does the club serve the senior population, it fosters community and personal support for the college and provides a sense of maturity to college life. A survey was conducted in the fall of 2000 to assess member preferences and expectations and to solicit suggestions for future activities. A total of 1,882 surveys were returned, for a response rate of 51%. Results included: (1) the most respondents came from the 66- to 75-year-old age bracket; (2) many respondents expressed greatest interest in classes on area history and current events, as well as day trips; (3) the activity of least interest was volunteer work at a nursing home, with interest expressed by only 22% of respondents; (4) ten percent of members had participated at least five or more times over the past year in different activities, but nearly 30% had never participated in any; (5) evening/weekend activities were desired by less than 18% of members; and (6) many Brown and Gold Club members were found to still be active in the labor force. (CJW)

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# BROWN & GOLD CLUB

# MEMBER SURVEY:

# WHAT SENIOR ADULTS WANT

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## BROWN & GOLD CLUB MEMBER SURVEY: WHAT SENIOR ADULTS WANT

### History of the Brown & Gold Club

In 1972, the administration at Johnson County Community College (JCCC) saw a need and an opportunity to act as a catalyst in providing educational, cultural, and leisure programs for the senior adult population of their service area. To facilitate this goal, the college created a club for senior adults named after the school colors, the Brown and Gold Club.

The club originally functioned mainly as an avenue for individuals age 60 and over to participate in college classes at no cost on a space-available basis. Over time the club's purpose and focus changed. It now serves the 55+ population of Johnson County through education and special events at the college; contributes experience and maturity to college student life; and fosters personal and community support for the college.

At the present time the Brown & Gold Club enjoys a membership exceeding 4,800 individuals and publishes a monthly newsletter which keeps members abreast of the wide array of activities available to them. The club sponsors about a dozen trips a year, hosts six holiday parties, and brings in speakers on a variety of topics under a program called, "Potpourri." In addition to being able to enroll free of charge in any of the credit classes on a space-available basis, members can participate in any of the college's noncredit classes at a reduced rate. Discounts are also available for movies sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and for various cultural events held on campus.

### Methodology

In the fall of 2000 the Brown & Gold executive committee requested the college's Office of Institutional Research to conduct a survey to identify member preferences and expectations, and to solicit suggestions for future speakers and activities. Although two or more individual members sometimes resided at the same address, it was decided that only one survey would be sent to each household, resulting in 3,714 potential responses. Surveys and cover letters were mailed on January 8, with one follow-up mailing on January 29, 2001. A total of 1,882 surveys were returned--1,872 as completed surveys and 10 with comments only, for a response rate of 51%.

### Results

Table 1 provides a brief description of respondents. Note that approximately two out of three surveys were completed by females. The 148 surveys completed by couples were equally divided between male and female respondents to maintain the integrity of the gender breakdown. The greatest percent of respondents were between 66 and 75 years of age; one in four respondents were between 55 and 65, one in four were between 76 and 85, and nearly 3% were over the age of 85. Although the greatest percent of respondents resided in the central portion of Johnson

County, nearly one in five resided in the northeast section, 17% in the west, and 10% in southern Johnson County. Only 2% of respondents resided outside of Johnson County. As the college's faculty and staff (both active and retired) are excluded from the residency requirement, this finding was not unexpected.

A substantial number of respondents expressed interest in each of the various activities suggested on the survey, with the greatest percent indicating interest in classes on area history or current events. The idea of offering trips of two to three days' duration was also well received by the majority of respondents. Considering the least popular activity of volunteering as a group at a nursing home still elicited interest from 290 club members (22% of the 1,331 respondents to this question), it would appear that any of the activities suggested could be offered with the expectation that a sufficient number of club members would want to participate.

The majority of respondents had participated in Brown & Gold Club activities several times within the past year, and 10% had participated five or more times. However, of note is the fact that nearly 30% had never participated, with the primary reasons being that they were too busy or found the scheduling inconvenient. A clear preference for weekday afternoon activities was apparent, with about one in three respondents also indicating a preference for activities scheduled on weekday mornings or Sunday afternoons. Evening activities on Saturdays or Sundays were preferred by less than 18% of respondents.

A summary of verbatim comments is included to enhance the richness of data. Caution should be exercised when viewing these comments as each represents the opinion of one respondent only and does not necessarily reflect the perceptions and opinions of respondents as a whole. Where appropriate, verbatim comments have been grouped to assist the reader in interpreting these comments.

**Conclusions and Recommendations**

The many and varied suggestions for programs and activities were most helpful to the Board as plans for future Brown & Gold activities continue. Particularly well received was the idea of scheduling some activities at times when working members can attend. Fully 83 members specifically stated that the reason they had not attended any Brown & Gold activities was because they were still working. With 25% of respondents between 55-65 years of age, it became evident that as many as 1,000 Brown & Gold members may still be working.

Colleges and universities interested in providing a club such as this to meet the needs of senior adults in their service area will find many helpful suggestions in the following pages. Additional information about the Brown & Gold Club may be accessed on the web through the college's website at: **www.jccc.net**. Once there, click on "Community and Visitors," then on "Brown & Gold" to bring up the club's introductory page. Click anywhere on this page to bring up the Brown & Gold website and associated links.

Table 1

PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

| | Number of Responses | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| **Gender**[1] | | |
| Male | 574 | 30.7% |
| Female | 1,180 | 63.0 |
| Unknown | 118 | 6.3 |
| **Age Range** | | |
| 55 to 65 years | 460 | 24.6% |
| 66 to 75 | 790 | 42.2 |
| 76 to 85 | 465 | 24.8 |
| Over 85 | 51 | 2.7 |
| Unknown | 106 | 5.7 |
| **Residence** | | |
| Northeast Johnson County | 350 | 18.7% |
| Central Johnson County | 855 | 45.7 |
| Western Johnson County | 313 | 16.7 |
| Southern Johnson County | 186 | 9.9 |
| Wyandotte County | 14 | 0.7 |
| Other Kansas | 14 | 0.7 |
| Missouri | 4 | 0.3 |
| Unknown | 135 | 7.3 |

Note. A total of 148 surveys were returned by those identifying themselves as a couple. Half were entered as male and the other half as female.

**Table 2**

**INTEREST IN SUGGESTED BROWN & GOLD ACTIVITIES**

| | Number of Responses | Interested | Neutral | Not Interested |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Classes on local area history | 1,628 | 62.7% | 18.2% | 19.1% |
| Classes on current events | 1,622 | 59.3 | 20.2 | 20.5 |
| Trips lasting 2-3 days | 1,654 | 56.7 | 14.8 | 28.5 |
| Discussion groups | 1,687 | 46.8 | 24.5 | 28.7 |
| Classes on other topics (see comments) | 797 | 44.3 | 28.5 | 27.2 |
| Classes on religions of the world | 1,529 | 42.2 | 19.5 | 38.3 |
| Volunteer at Brown & Gold office | 1,397 | 32.5 | 23.7 | 43.8 |
| Volunteer at a local hospital | 1,379 | 31.7 | 17.8 | 50.5 |
| Volunteer at soup kitchen as a group | 1,373 | 31.5 | 16.4 | 52.1 |
| Card or board game parties | 1,692 | 30.9 | 15.1 | 54.0 |
| Volunteer at a local school | 1,357 | 30.4 | 21.8 | 47.8 |
| Volunteer at a nursing home | 1,331 | 21.8 | 20.4 | 57.8 |

Table 3

## BROWN & GOLD PARTICIPATION AND PREFERENCES

| | Number of Responses | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| **Number of Times Participated Within Past Year** | | |
| Once or twice | 607 | 32.4% |
| Three or four times | 406 | 21.7 |
| Five or more times | 186 | 9.9 |
| Never participated | 541 | 28.9 |
| Unknown | 132 | 7.1 |
| **Why Never Participated**[1] | | |
| Too busy | 214 | 43.6% |
| Inconvenient scheduling of events/activities | 141 | 28.7 |
| Not interested | 85 | 17.3 |
| Did not know about the events/activities | 57 | 11.6 |
| Poor health/disabled | 49 | 10.0 |
| Needed transportation | 20 | 4.1 |
| Other (see comments) | 140 | 28.5 |
| **Time Preferences For Scheduling Future Brown & Gold Events**[1] | | |
| Weekday afternoons | 1,133 | 68.8% |
| Weekday mornings | 578 | 35.1 |
| Sunday afternoons | 565 | 34.3 |
| Weekday evenings | 504 | 30.6 |
| Saturday afternoons | 486 | 29.5 |
| Saturday mornings | 312 | 18.9 |
| Saturday evenings | 295 | 17.9 |
| Sunday evenings | 247 | 15.0 |
| Other (see comments) | 75 | 4.6 |

Note. Multiple response item; numbers and percentages are not additive.

**Johnson County Community College**
**Brown and Gold Club Member Survey**
**Fall 2000**
**Verbatim Comments**

**1A. Discussion groups on various topics--comments:**

Depends on the topic/if it is a subject that interests me (n=5).
Do a "Great discussions" group.

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**1B. Card or board game parties--specific suggestions:**

Bridge (n=13)
Bingo (n=2)
Pinocle (n=1)
Mah Jhong (n=1)

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**1C. Classes taught by seniors for seniors--other:**

Computers/computer-related (n=56)
Personal finance/investments/taxes (n=45)
Travel/travel-related talks/travel for credit (n=42)
Health/aging/alternative medicine/exercise (n=34)
Genealogy (n=21)
Art/crafts/art history/artists (n=21)
Gardening/landscaping/house plants (n=17)
Book/film reviews and/or discussion groups (n=12).
Music/music appreciation (n=11).
Ballroom dancing/dance (n=5).
Photography (n=3)
Cooking (n=3)
Journaling (n=3)
Knitting, crocheting (n=2)
Learning to change feelings and ways of life - especially for men!
Sports
Spanish classes; lectures on any of the fine arts.
Enjoyed the Portugal talk!
Social issues.
Oil painting.
There is a program now on current events and possible future events.
Find outstanding people--topic is not as important as expertise and interesting delivery of presenter.

Note: Verbatim comments transcribed as received; edited for clarity as necessary.

**1C. Classes taught by seniors for seniors--other (continued):**

Local and state current events. (National and international gets good coverage in papers, journals, and CNN, etc.)
Tai chi
Genetics
Global cultures
How to take care of my car
Home repairs
Fishing and hunting in Kansas
My interest is almost non-existent right now as we just buried my husband of 55 years.
Safety, fraud, staying in home vs. nursing home/retirement community
Weaving, quilting.
Decorating.
Film and drama.
Conversational Spanish and German.
Participation in sports.
Weather (meteorology).
Parapsychology as telepathy, clairvoyance - how to develop these skills if the gift is there.
Fly fishing.
More transportation to programs.
Non-biased of course panels; better if history is combined with tour; music-jazz perhaps as taught at JCCC.
Lack of state and federal law enforcement in Kansas.
Paleontology
Notice of special activities in the area.
Reasonably priced quality home maintenance and repairs.
Acting, storytelling.
I like the movies.
Science - nature.
Musical entertainment and educational and informative tax-health.
Current topics that concern seniors - gas prices, insurance, prescriptions, etc.
Various hobbies.
Areas of expertise of teaching - business owners, artists, gardeners, real estate, home repair, travel, etc.
Only on middle eastern religions - Muslims, Bali, etc.; history of Medicare, it's future, and how HICFA got involved.
Wood working classes.
Philosophy, astronomy, physics.
New inventions.
JCCC railroad again.
State of Kansas and State of Missouri and Titanic exhibit at science city - Union station.
Prerequisite for home decorating.
Wealth, science, international affairs, economics, social issues.
Any hobbies or crafts the seniors might specialize in and teach.
Flower arranging, film discussions

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**1C. Classes taught by seniors for seniors--other (continued):**

Free enterprise - self employment.
Foreign language - Latin, Spanish, German; line dancing.
Conversational foreign language.
Famous people (all fields).
Small group travel experiences.
Subjects on helping the aging process.
Regarding question #3, issues about our metro area.
Geology; rock formation/gems/semiprecious stones.
Life management.
Writing with proper English.
Long term insurance alternatives if LTC refuses one who applies.
Relationships after 50+.
Topics like the "Great decisions".
Improving mental and memory skills.
Local news explained.
Economic subjects.
Science programs.
Biotech.
White collar crimes to older people.
Dinner theater
Metal working; and jewelry making.
Media integrity and what can be done about it. Also, what can we do collectively regarding the terrible shows on the T.V. My wife and I do not watch anything on T.V. and we have called local T.V. stations regarding the trashy programming for example - the articles on 'Temptation Island' in the newspaper a couple of Sundays ago.
Long term care affects.
Autobiographies on famous people.
Retirement issues; long term insurance; social security; caring for aging parents (3)
Party.
Architecture of KC, cooking
Home design and decorations.
Astronomy.
Social events - entertainment events, art shows.
Books, current thought, philosophy.
Fashion, specific hobbies, and volunteers from the Speakers Bureau for programs.
Insurance savings; humorous speakers.
Lawn mower repair.
Diabetic meal planning.
Bible taught as a textbook. Old and new testaments.
Badminton group; table tennis group.

**1D. Group volunteer opportunities--comments:**

I already do lots of volunteer work (n=95)
Still working/no time (n=10)
Disabled/not able to do (n=10)
Can do this through church groups (n=3).
It depends.
RSVP has a better listing. Seniors should enroll through RSVP - contact Elaine Perella.
Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers 816-333-9200.
If it is not too often. As an RN - could take blood pressures.
I have a stay-at-home wife to take care of.
Bad parking at the B&G office.
Could B&G provide general information on a variety of volunteer opportunities?
I used to love doing any volunteer work. Any kind. Nursing homes are the ones who disabled and robbed me of my entire life's earnings and all personal belongings and social security. I'm too poor. Not to mention, some of my disabilities make even 4 hour plans/flights too agonizingly painful.
I hurt my back 2 years ago and finally took 3 shots up my spine and it has helped. Last September 19th, I had total hip surgery so I haven't been able to take part in too much for some time now. I'm beginning to believe I may be able to before long. I can volunteer if it's not for too long or if someone goes with me; if it's something I can do.
Just no time to volunteer for much of anything at this time - never want to see a computer again - no more than 2 days.
Later in the year.
Enjoyed the Kansas Day celebration and I enjoyed food at the reception.
I would like to consider volunteer opportunities on weekends.
I need transportation
I would be interested in volunteering with B&G if I lived closer.
I like the volunteer choices, but my time is still limited.
Does the JCCC art gallery have volunteers?
Sorry, I am not available to volunteer at this time.

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**1E. Trips lasting 2-3 days--comments:**

Ozarks area, biking, hiking.
Summer only.
Unable to participate.
If it's not too expensive and if it's not too much walking. 1-day trips also - state fairs.
To Chicago.
Not gambling trips.
Branson at Christmas time.
Not Branson!
If affordable.
If I could meet a friend to go with me.

**1E. Trips lasting 2-3 days--comments (continued:**

Weekends only.
Not on a weekend.
We have gone on two trips several years ago.
Also train trips.
Depends on where and the cost.
After I am off the sick list.
Not until I retire - 5 years to go.
I have been interested in the travel series; but Tuesdays are not a good day.
More interested in overnight and 1-day trips. One overnight trip to St. Louis 3-4 years ago was poorly organized. We didn't have time to see all things that were scheduled and we didn't have dinner until 8:30 pm.
I am rather disabled and cannot stand or walk very well.

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**2. What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members?**

Royals games (again), computer classes, etc. - chef classes (offered).
I think that Brown and Gold has a lot of competition in the community and many of the classes at JCCC are duplicated within the community through Parks and Recreation and local senior centers. Usually at a less expensive cost. The teachers at these community classes seem to be more in tune to senior needs than I have experienced at the college. So I would suggest that classes being taught by seniors - especially computer classes would improve the climate for old students.
Would like to see B&G do more things with Johnson County Parks' 50 Plus - especially long trips out of the country.
I am on a cane - it is very difficult to get around, but I am interested in many, many things. I love the fact that we can take courses free of charge, but don't have much time for other activities. Last year I circled several programs and movies and didn't make any of them. Don't worry about me - keep up the great work!
Travelogues sound good to me, but I have not been successful in attending them. I keep hoping, so please continue.
As a member of the B&G for some time, on the board - all of these have been addressed in the past. For me, all of the above should be from other people as I am not a good candidate - the past has been good, but the future is questionable.
Supra.
I would be interested in more local trips or over night trips.
I have very much enjoyed activities of the Brown and Gold Club, but in view of my age, etc. I will not be getting to any of the meetings and will discontinue my membership. Best of luck - keep up the good work. THANKS. ...
I enjoy the entertainment that JCCC provides and getting the discounts for Brown & Gold. I also enjoy the movies.

2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Cooking, meal planning, menus, baking. Occasional 'get acquainted' parties, teas, or other social events. Seminars or discussion groups (on-line investing, alternative medicines, health care, local useful medicinal plant varieties, fitness practice groups - i.e. Tai chi, Aikido, low stress exercise, weight/cholesterol, blood pressure control methods, etc. Overview of current status of (National security, mathematics, physics, anthropology, archaeology, early history & technology, etc.).

More parties to meet people. Social groups and day trips.

A weekly contract bridge group.

Europe tours as a group.

Better information on events coming up. Things happen that we don't know about, such as movies, plays, etc. Thank you.

Sweet drinks do not go well with cookies and cakes, etc.

B&G keeps repeating past programs - try something new if possible. Sorry I'm not more help. I used to go to an occasional movie, but young students talk all the time, disabled students make weird noises and the screen is too small - so no more! I'll do VCR's at home and go to a movie house. I made a suggestion one year - the Christmas tour of Weston, but weather is not predictable. You should contact Anita Cyrier 913-268-6340 - she now directs JC Chores. There is a Holiday and Spring program that is never listed in B.G.'s newsletter!

Book reviews - more movies. Thank you - B&G is doing an excellent job!

Currently my wife and I are very busy with a business enterprise and have little time to enjoy or participate in your excellent program. Next year, we hope to be more free.

Lectures by outstanding people. Could even be a series of lectures - I know you're already doing this - continue on with the great activities you're doing! I might be interested in trips, but I'm single - could something social be arranged to allow members to get to know each other?

Meetings with the politicians who represent us - also judges. Maybe we - as a group - could help to inform the public on critical issues.

Some sewing activities or join with local guilds for enrichment.

Swing dance lessons (no partner required) and coed softball.

No suggestions - I'm still too busy to attend most things. Looks like you do a great job already!

How about a tour of Yucantan and the Mayan Ruins - a week to 10 days ending with two days on Cozumel or in Mexico City and Area.

Fall trip to Ozarks, Branson. Trip to Precious Moments Area, I believe it's in Carthage

The majority of the activities are scheduled during the week. Please keep in mind that many of us are still working. Events planned for the weekend would be appreciated.

More and different day trips.

Antique appraisals.

Concerts, music - all kinds, dance - tap dance, ballroom, Hawaiian, polka, etc., plays, entertainment - any.

I am still working so I'm interested in activities on weekends, late afternoon or evenings.

2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Genealogy discussions. Photo video editing, preserving family history, picture, sound, and narrative.

Suggestion - have some discussions near Shawnee Mission East High School for those who live in the area.

I am no longer interested in college or the Brown & Gold Club. I would appreciate it if you would remove my name from the member roster. Thank you, R. L. Hobson.

Bridge.

Travel: My wife and I are going on an Alaskan cruise this summer. We have resolved to take 1 major trip per summer (she's a teacher and I'm retired).

Computer education.

Aquaerobic classes, walking tours, updated first aid - in home, nutrition for the aged, and drug interactions for seniors.

Dinner theater (matinee).

I would like a trip to Italy in the Florence area.

Cooking classes - I'd like to learn to Box B Q. Exercise for seniors.

I now volunteer at the library in Lakeview Village about 15 hours per week.

I am a new member. I joined primarily for access to classes and the senior social events.

Socials to meet somebody.

Day trips.

Computer training.

More activities for evenings - after 6 PM and more on weekend. Trips - Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Saturday, Sunday, Monday - not all seniors are unemployed and have free day hours to do things but still would like to be involved in a social senior environment.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my feelings!

I don't know if you could do it for a reasonable fee, but there might be interest in an organized bus trip to downtown entertainment events. You could originate at the college and make a pickup stop halfway (perhaps Corinth or Prairie Village, depending on volume) you might occasionally arrange for a pre-show dinner, or a dessert or wine and cheese, perhaps a pre-show interview with a cast member or director. I would choose to offer one symphony, one opera, one ballet, one musical, etc. per season.

A midweek or weekend movie like current Friday one.

You have lots of competition! There are already s number of senior activities in the area - parks and recreation departments (cities and Johnson County), Shephards Center, Congregations, Books, Health Care providers, and the current events and international relations series at Prairie Baptist Church. I think B&G should stick to the big events - music, drama, historical depictions, bringing in nationally prominent speakers on issues of interest to seniors, etc.

Can we schedule B&G events so that they do not conflict with afternoon class schedules?

None - at present.

2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Trips to Truman Library, planetarium, Overland Park arboretum, picnic at Deana Rose Farmstead, group attendance night at JCCC basketball games, would help organize a road rally (about 2 ½ hour tour of area sites 816-765-5163 e.g. silhouette cattle at southwest corner of I-435 - what direction are they facing?) I offer a tour each year of Christmas tree lights (2 ½ hours).

Reasonable priced bus tours around the country up to two weeks for around $980 per person, double occupancy. Sunflower Tours has them at that price but they just keep having the same ones. Need to come up with different ones. Maybe B&G could investigate this - not all seniors have unlimited income and two incomes as I am widowed.

I live in Missouri and find that I don't really like to be out late in the evening - I did enjoy an evening class that I attended on investments - I went with a friend. I keep busy with family and friends and church and find that if you volunteer that you make a commitment to show up - I'm too busy!

Day trips that I wouldn't take on my own/by myself. Active trips, moving, going, doing. Going to see the eagles at Squaw Creek or near Hannibal, MO on the Mississippi River; looking for fossils on the bluffs (NE of Kansas City) of the Missouri River; hiking trips at interesting spots, such as Weston Bend State Park. Bring your own lunch, pay for bus, and if needed. A leader - or meet at a place. Going to Louisburg telescope on a clear night - when the astronomy society meets.

I would like to see some travelogues offered at times that are more convenient for members who are still employed during the week. Although I don't expect the B&G club to offer strictly singles events, I think this is a segment of the group that can be cultivated.

Attendance at JCCC sporting events - sports teams, etc. Bulletins seem to ignore schedules of events and how we can attend.

More movies at JCCC.

We are interested in films. Please send us the schedule and times for all films shown at JCCC since we are not retired, the schedule is not flexible enough for your afternoon events.

Suggestion re: jazz concerts - have someone hand out numbers prior to the concert. We haven't gone for a number of years because it appeared to us that people were being let in by friends and (at that time) there didn't seem to be any control over the situation.

I like the day trips best.

I think you have a fine assortment of activities now already.

More trips into Kansas City to see plays.

Tours of local factories and industries.

Your current events meetings in the fall on Mondays are terrific! Your travelogues are great! Some of your potpourri have been great!

More one day trips in Kansas City vicinity with focus on historical importance.

Really have no suggestions. The programs you have in place and development from them are terrific and answer my needs. I really like the credit course opportunities and also B&G discount tickets for Carlson Center events.

2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Bus service to dinner theaters from JCCC and back. Bus service to regular theaters from JCCC and back. Chicago museums trips with guides and info. to make the trip educational. Excelsior Springs Hotel - day of exercise, massage, good food (overnight?), B&G movies on campus - classic or good films at a scheduled time once per month. (May not be viable as one can rent/check out classics).

Is there a possibility to have some group to perform chamber music?

I'm already very busy each day with writing, music lessons - practice, and president of two foundations. Sounds like my wife and I are pretty well "booked up" - but we do enjoy the theater presentations at JCCC.

Dances that singles and older ages will not be left out. More pools open for B&G discounts. Spa and hot tub for health.

We like the ones offered - Pam Rogers has been great at planning. Would like Hospitality Management to present a program on what they teach with some students showing examples. I especially enjoy the Ruel Joyce series at JCCC.

Don't have an idea.

Day trips - overnight trips would be nice.

There is an interesting variety of topics offered. I have to make plans for transportation and I will attend in the future.

Movies, plays, musical programs or plays.

More one day trips.

Genealogy club.

I am working full time and don't have time right now to participate.

I would love to be able to attend all - but my health does not permit me, so I note nothing on day tours. It seems to me you have offered them before. I had a travel club and used to do one-day tours about once per month. They were popular. I would be happy to share my knowledge on how to program them.

Bridge groups or lessons; day trips; any programs referring to music.

Line dancing.

Better schedule information on Friday movies.

Reduced fares on airlines.

How about a get-together for new members?

Beginning bridge lessons; offer an occasional activity on weekend or evening; sessions for planning a career after retirement (part-time or flexible work schedules)

Christmas trip to Weston; 2-day trips to historic towns in Kansas and Missouri.

Beginning computer.

You have sponsored some programs (usually a series) supposedly on current events, but the speakers or panels have been very partisan to a political view (e.g.....) These people use statistics that are incomplete and/or biased to their views. JCCC <u>should not</u> be a sponsoring party to such programs. I have some current health problems which curtail my participation in travel and volunteer opportunities. I do what I feel I can be dependable for. I canceled three B&G day trips last year and attended one. I hope to do better. Thank you for asking!

2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

More day trips, perhaps to the state capital in Topeka or Jefferson City; to the Indian casinos.
Arts and cultural events.
More day trips.
Computer classes.
I love the day trips!
Trips to the gambling casinos; dinner at better local restaurants; trips to Branson.
Thanks for the great job you do. Right now I don't have time for many extra activities.
Comment: I do volunteering through my church and at Lakeview Village.
Thanks for asking!
Computer use/learning for older adults.
A meeting place and publicity for daytime weekly party, bridge games
I like 1-day trips - no overnights.
More theater opportunities, day trips.
I would like to participate but I am now 86 and I do not drive in lots of traffic anymore. However, I now have a lady who will drive for me now - so maybe I can attend a few things.
I am interested in traveling and would like to see trips offered on a budget-minded level and with some adventure - hiking, biking, walking. Since I still work, I would like to see more activities offered in the evening and on weekends.
If possible, perhaps some of the concerts and guest speakers could be offered to seminars on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday afternoon.
Trip to the steamship Arabia, also more day trips to the casinos - not any this past year.
Dancing.
If a trip fills up - arrange for another bus. We signed up immediately for a trip and were told it was already filled. Why?
Book club.
I would be interested in a B&G thespian group headed by a JCCC drama coach or teacher.
Singles activities.
Thank you for asking. Many good programs, but for some reason or another, I have not availed myself of the opportunities.
Local trips to entertainment such as plays, musicals, Union Station activities, zoo, Starlight, Theater League productions at a reasonable cost with a good seat location.
Performances (music and dance) by JCCC students. We have lots of local talent and watching these performances are experience and practice for the students.
Overall computer classes on 87th Street , to give full knowledge of computers. I have a computer and use it in my business, but I have to depend on my son to help me when I need changes or have problems with it. My husband just retired and would like to take welding classes.
I volunteer through my church.
Cowboy poetry readings #6 www.westfest.net, www.michaelmartinmurphy.com, www.baxterblack.com.



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2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Movie discussion group, group type dancing, folk dancing, groups helpful to single people, classical music understanding, art appreciation.
I enjoy the theater excursions and those presented at JCCC.
I would be interested in groups traveling to Europe or other states.
Satisfied with programs as they are.
Bridge.
I like to play Bingo and other games.
More or larger Macintosh (IMAC) computer classes!
I found parking for my college classes a real challenge. I have driven around for more than 30 minutes trying to find a spot. I wonder if there could be some spots designated as B&G parking spots. I'm not handicapped but during the cold and snow I would like to find a place about ½ to 1 block from the entrance of the buildings.
Musical entertainment - day trips to local points of interest.
I think you are doing an excellent job and just keep on with the programs you have. I enjoy the Kansas day, monthly parties, May gala, etc.
Discussions on long term insurance, in laymen language and the best offers available. Where to inquire on nurses, home care, and a reasonable cost for seniors. My husband cannot perform daily duties or help with minimal work pertaining to the home. He is also not a candidate for long term care insurance. Thank you.
My biggest problem is that most or a lot of your activities are on Friday and I volunteer on Monday and Friday at a hospital.
Book review clubs.
I think you do a very good job. I am involved in volunteering, church service, Red Cross.
I am now working. When I retire I know I will be interested in more activities.
Aqua Aerobics.
Exercise and swimming classes for seniors; a more timely response to phone calls made to the B&G number.
Singles groups. More events in the evening and weekends because day events exclude those of us who work.
More social activities - I'm too new to B&G to offer concrete suggestions at this time.
House insurance needs and learn ins and outs (as to coverage); auto insurance needs (as to coverage I should have); AARP drivers safety course be offered once per year.
I am 65 years and still working - most of the things you offer are during the day. More evening and weekend activities.
My wife and I still work full time. Please schedule more events in evenings and weekends. Not every senior is retired!! Thanks.
I think you offer a very comprehensive list of activities already. I am more than happy with your efforts.
Preferred seating at activities in the auditorium.
Health, fitness, retirement living, long term care.
Computer classes taught by seniors. Introductory and/or advanced.
Unfortunately your trips are too costly for singles - by the time a single supplement is added on. Many of us are on limited, fixed incomes.

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2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Mixed or events for singles who want to interact with other singles, and meet someone, to attend functions with - I really have a problem going by myself.

Computer operation.

A nice day trip to city market - lunch - and browse. A day trip to the Harley Davidson motorcycle plant - lunch someplace. A day trip to Jefferson City to see the capital and Governor's house. Day trips are great!!

I especially like Canasta games. I like Bible studies especially. I do convalescent work to relieve full-time care givers.

Update/reflection by Dr. Carlsen. From Philosophy Department: overview of philosophy's contribution to making life's decisions. Also, descriptions (dept. of Philosophy) of courses, teachers. Lastly, group discussions of prominent figures in the history of philosophy. Overcoming physical problems to pursue exercise. One-time tie-in with KC Symphony in Yardley as B&G does with New Theater. Thank you.

Am still working 40 hours per week and grandchildren keep us busy. Plan to participate more after retirement, thank you for asking for input, Bill is doing a fine job, I appreciate JCCC sponsoring B&G and make 1-3 day trips available and affordable.

My husband and I enjoyed the Starlight theater and New Theater activities.

Current job/employment gives me little time to participate in much - plus my ability due to health issues. Must keep current job - though low pay it has health insurance.

Day time entertainment - would love to see the "Dame" Dankworth concert.

Swimming pool.

I especially enjoy the new theater productions and hope you include more shows.

I would like to see computer courses which offer the opportunity for a student to work with an instructor one on one so that the student can specify what he needs to learn.

Ever since I came to Johnson County, I've searched in vain for just one table of intelligent people for bridge. Not one person. They said it over-worked their brains! How about offering anything that one doesn't have to be a billionaire to afford. And if the KC Metro area had even 2 or 3 intelligent people in it; in a 3-day trip I know where and how they could find out how to solve the entire area transportation problems in a year at no cost and profitable forever afterwards. But Kansans have narrow, self-centered minds and they won't listen to anyone. That's why after a lifetime in Kansas, I left just to stay alive in '65 and never wanted to see it again. Then, I was kidnaped back here in '93 and life (except for JCCC) has been hell. But thanks to them I have beat the system here to save my social security and freedom by fleeing again.

To use more entertainment ourselves. Computer classes. Investment classes.

Cards, quilts, Bob Ross painting.

Hiking groups.

A tea dance with live music.

Could teach some few subjects: composition, public speaking, ombudsmanship, logic, art (oil painting mostly), leadership, physical training for seniors, springboard diving. I would like to see this college add a multi-floor parking garage - near a major entrance.

Prescription drugs and eye glasses - dental clinic discounts.

**2. What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Free health screens (blood pressure checks), more day trips, references of guaranteed, inexpensive, home repair and maintenance services, monthly birthday celebrations at different or new restaurants, senior discount coupon books for gasoline, oil changes, auto repairs, utilities, prescriptions, grocery stores, restaurants, drug stores, and health stores.

Using web tv, lunch brunch.

Zoo, I-Max Theater (when you had a trip there, I had back trouble and had to cancel), New Theater, Branson, MO, ball games, movies. I've always enjoyed everything the college has put on - Valentine's parties, March 17 - I plan to get there for KS day. Everything is great!

Travel agent service.

Thank you for your interest. I would like folk dancing as an exercise program.

Thanks!

I'm very proud of JCCC and what they have offered to the community.

Anything that can involve a handicapped spouse (wheelchair).

Senior chorus, senior ballroom dances.

Enjoy theater outings and 1-day trips. Unpredictable health causes hesitation on longer trips.

Day trips to significant points of interest.

Is this like voting in Florida? I am ... phone number ...

We would like for B&G members to have use of the computer labs.

To have activities in the north east part of Johnson County.

Health care insurance. I still work full time, but because I am 65 and have Medicare, our insurance won't carry me. Also, when I retire, how can I have complete coverage?

Dinner theaters, plays, theaters, dances.

Already volunteer as SSS (Seniors Serving Schools).

You already have a pretty good mix of activities. Possibly a buffet style luncheon with a speaker from county or state government or from the federal government (U.S. Congress).

More weekend activities. I work part time and am not always available during the day on weekdays. And I don't go out by myself at night. I really like the matinee at the new theater on Saturday.

Concerts, plays, etc. downtown where most of us don't drive alone.

More day trips - trips not requiring a lot of walking.

Brainstorming sessions periodically open to seniors/B&G. Retirement living information from any interested real estate, nursing homes, retirement communities, so seniors will have the information before or when they need it. Include subsidized housing.

Status quo - the present system is okay with me.

I would like to be more involved in B&G...

Movie discussion groups; travel discussion groups.

I appreciate all of the hard work that is performed by the B&G volunteers. Thank you.

You're okay - I don't complain.



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2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

I am especially interested in day trips such as to the Flint Hills, Governor's mansion in Topeka, etc. Or any historical trips around town.

Book reviews, local field trips, singles groups occasionally.

Not aware of discount on performances in the Carlsen Center. I would like more information on that. Another trip to Kansas City, Kansas - also a similar one to Kansas City, Missouri. I would like another 2-3 day trip. I might be interested in volunteer activity in the future.

More music. KC Chorale example events. KC Youth Symphony; school chorus from area schools.

I really enjoyed the Kansas Day activity sometime ago. I believe there was a luncheon connected with this activity. I enjoyed that, of course, there was a charge for it.

Very pleased with the different activities presented.

Brown & Gold group get-togethers, parties, dances, games.

Maybe Brown & Gold members could enroll in non-credit classes for free too. (Yes, I'm greedy).

Lectures: Outer space, International business, economics/investments (current), gardening - lawn care, other scientific subjects.

2 or 3 day trips organized by B&G, not by travel agencies.

Economically priced day trips - hiking or outdoor activities (not strenuous).

Tours.

A study of the geography - political science - of the world, perhaps by continents beginning with Europe.

I am interested in all of the B&G offerings, but I am 86 years old, a widow and would rather not attend by myself. I think you do a great job with your offerings and were I younger, I would really take advantage of many of them. Thank you...

B&G is a great benefit to all concerned. Keep up the good work!

Discussions on making purchases, like cameras, tv's, etc. What are the better buys.

More short trips, i.e,.. Starlight, Music hall, Lied Center in Lawrence (and better tickets even if it means more money!) We were so far back at Fosse we couldn't see a thing! I appreciate the transportation, but if it's worth going, it's worth good seating arrangements.

One day trips to local historic sites or plays (including lunch). You are doing a fantastic job - keep up the good work!

Maybe a group bus trip to musicals, operas, ballet, jazz events, Powell Gardens, cider mills, air shows, Louisburg observatory, ethnic festivals, Lawrence tour including KU, Parkville, etc., farmers markets. I do all of these on my own.

Very pleased with the range and class of activities that have been offered.

I haven't participated sufficiently to offer an opinion. Sorry.

Reduced fees for senior's pet care, i.e.. Shots, testing, teeth cleaning, de-clawing, etc. ...

Woodworking classes, possibly associated with the facility located at 87th and 69 highway on the northeast corner by Tippins. They have all the equipment and a very well organized program. I'd like to hear back from this idea. ...



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2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Volunteer activities consume a major portion of my time. I enjoyed the B&G trip to Branson several years ago.
Organized singing group; dancing classes; genealogy group or study group.
Day trips.
Very much like musicals and plays.
Maybe more travel (access to overseas and train trips).
I love the movies but don't find it easy to know what is playing - the selections are not always in the newsletter.
Joint buying of automobiles and other higher priced items. Strategies for living at home with advancing age and independently.
We are both still employed full time and have limited time available - when events are held during the work week we are unable to attend - we would like more weekend activities.
Mailings of classes and events should have a date to begin registration. We call to register when we receive the information and are told the event is full. Someone is getting a jump on the registration. Don't accept reservations before the date that is given.
Bridge.
Activities that require more physical effort, such as: bicycle touring and hiking tours.
More movies or free programs. The travelogue programs are wonderful. We are very fortunate to have the Brown & Gold Club and the great Jr. college.
Information on finances - stocks, etc.
We like your day trips, theater trips, and concerts.
The community has many volunteer agencies that provide opportunities for volunteering. Many of us already do community volunteering. I don't believe the B&G needs to be another group to compete with those already in the community. B&G should provide opportunities that are unique with the college.
Thanks for the wonderful music programs - big bands, jazz & seniors, keep on with what you've done with music.
Reading classes for stroke victims. You are doing a really good job with everything - B&G is great!
2-3 day trips to Pioneer Village at Minden, Nebraska.
Day trips.
Caribbean trips; Hawaiian trips!
Genealogy, travel films, investments, computers, bridge, day trips (we volunteer on Tuesdays).
Day trips within a hundred mile radius.
For convenience purposes, my husband and I would love to have the opportunity to enroll in Brown & Gold for more than 2 years at a time. Perhaps a 5-year, 10-year, or lifetime membership could be made available.
Information on elder law (Trusts vs. Wills).
Sing-a-longs - during the 1930s there were a lot of sing-a-longs at my neighborhood theaters. And on Sunday night too, families would go to the little theater at the municipal auditorium and follow the bouncing ball on the screen. We all like to sing even though our voices are old and scratchy.

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**2. What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

B&G 'sub' clubs centering around a common interest such as: books, quilting, bridge, pitch. Bus trips to casino boats.
We love to attend your travelogues.
Senior sports competitions and track and field meets.
Longer trips.
Every time we called about a trip it is already filled - very discouraging!
Because we are very new members, we are not acquainted with your programs. We are involved with some community activities and church. We do look forward to learning more about Brown and Gold.
We like current offerings - are just quite busy right now. Please continue to offer day trips.
Please continue to offer day trips.
Since I cannot find a place to put that suggestion I will put it here. I suggest you get Polka Don for a program. Better yet, have the program at the Queen of the Holy Rosary. A history of Strawberry Hill and the church, and a lunch of ethnic foods. Thank you for receiving this suggestion. See article on Polka Don (forwarded to Kris Dye).
Working full time leaves very little time to participate in your functions. Children, grandchildren, and friends take up most of our spare time. Your club appears to be elderly with no other interests than being entertained.
You are doing a good job. Sorry I don't have any suggestions on how you can improve. I'm content with your efforts. Thanks, ...
Sorry I haven't returned this form earlier, but I'm just home after an extended stay in the hospital.
Phone number ...
Husband is seriously ill. I haven't had energy or time for anything else.
I like 1-day outings in the city.
When attending functions as a group, please purchase really good tickets (and charge accordingly). The newsletter is always past activities - what is in the future?
Seniors photography club.
I don't take advantage of what you do offer! We just seem to be too busy - but I think you offer a lot of interesting programs.
Nonstrenuous, but invigorating hiking with a time for lunch or socializing. Dinner groups to meet and become acquainted with others - perhaps potluck lunches. Special times at college gym for seniors where you would not feel foolish or be embarrassed by young people.
My numerous "not at all interested" marks are due to my busy life and it's a matter of priorities.
Trips and visits to historical places; Dodge City, Eisenhower Library, Flint Hills in spring also the national park, Weston, civil war battle fields, Ft. Levenworth, etc.
Trips abroad; Australia, New Zealand, Scandinavia.
More theater shows around town.
The Women's Garden Club of Natchez, Mississippi conducts Antebellum House tours in

**2. What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

April each year. They own and furnish these beautiful homes. Perhaps a bus tour of 5 or 6 days can be offered.

I live at Lakeview Village and volunteer here for a number of activities. Games, discussion groups, and a reading group are also provided. Sorry, but I am afraid I am not very representative of what you are asking for. A bus load of us missed the Kansas Day program because the room was full.

I am a volunteer.

Health topics for seniors (personal health); recreational activities: scuba diving, fishing, sports, car racing, flying (personal enjoyment); woodworking, wood shop (build toys for grandchildren); computers for family communication (Internet, digital photography, genealogy, e-mail; etc.) (Keep in touch and organize family reunions).

Cruises, mixers.

Ballroom dances for special occasions - in the evening.

Thanks for the opportunity to attend classes. I'm enjoying my classes very much. ...

Musical stage plays.

I live in a retirement community, Lakeview Village, that offers us all of the above at various times - this explains my lack of interest.

How about a mystery trip?

The Elder hostel program sounds interesting. Would this be something possible through part of JCCC? We might be able to have home exchange where housing is required.

Morning scheduling instead of mid-to-late afternoon. I work from 3-6 pm daily and have only used B&G for reduced tuition for computer classes.

Walking club.

Seminars, guest speakers to promote and strengthen the B&G group to have a strong and effective voice at various levels of government. Getting speakers from various departments of different levels of government to share with us their plans to better our lives, etc.

I'm still mad about the process by which attendees were selected (processed) when Tom Brokaw was here some time ago.

You are doing a great job already.

Get acquainted get-togethers for those who do not have friends at B&G already.

Art classes - watercolor, acrylic, pastel, oil at the Shawnee Civic Center.

Information on surrounding tribes of native Americans (not casinos), perhaps a trip to Haskell, dancing, speakers who are native Americans, their religious beliefs, etc. Museums in Wichita - tour of the city and campus to see sculptures. Again the Indian museum there and other galleries and museums. Great 2-day trip.

Bingo. Do not drive at night.

I attend various programs, movies, travel, and dances.

Comparative information on health insurance plans for seniors.

I like the day trips and wished there were more to choose from.

Not especially; too many activities currently.

A little more personal answering at extension #4305.

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2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

In the past I attended a number of functions but even 2000 was one of those years that I couldn't work in anything that was offered. Hopefully this year will be better.
See attached business card for SCORE counselor, David E. Westphal.
One day trips to local museums (Truman Library).
Day trips are very good - those that end well before dark as I don't drive at night.
Day trips, leaving early, back by 10 pm, Kansas and Missouri.
Small special interest groups to share/enrich each other: e.g.. Gardening, sewing, computers, music. Possibly to be incorporated into a larger unit.
Sorry, but at this time I am mostly interested in computer classes.
Lectures; continuing education; auditing classes.
Luncheon at various new restaurants. I cannot attend evening events. Are movies shown in the afternoon?
Landscape oil painting - 6-8 week segments; step-by-step instructions re: trees, plants, mountains, water (running, still, and ocean).
Until I retire (in about 10 years) it is unlikely I would take advantage of Brown & Gold Activities. My husband will be 55 in March...we've talked of taking a night class (credit perhaps)...he'd take photography, I'd take zoology. Currently we're too involved in career to have extra time and we are good at entertaining our selves.
However, this is my first copy of the survey. New theater, lunch, and travelogs on Thursday or Friday.
Bus to go see Harlem Globetrotters, Christmas lighting, and Holidays on Ice.
Since you are persistent, I will answer. I cannot think of any classes not offered at JCCC. I have not and most likely will not participate because I work 12 - 8 pm on Monday through Friday and sometimes on Saturday afternoon. When I was not working, I was disabled. If I quit working, I can't afford your activities. I joined B&G because I thought I could take computer classes free or at a discount, but that doesn't happen! Thanks for your interest and I will continue paying for a membership because there is a chance something will be when I am available.
I might be interested in assisting on the prevention of suicide hotline.
New and different LONG day trips (at a cost of approximately $50 per person) in the spring, summer, and fall.
Brown & Gold is great! I will participate a lot when my corporate responsibilities change.
I was lucky yesterday, a bus load of us seniors, came to see the Kansas Day program. Only a few of us were able to be seated in the little theater - 22 people were turned away and here were school children occupying seats - I thought this was a seniors activity. Why belong to B&G if you can't even get in. You need for people to show their membership cards.
Entertainment (i.e.. Theatrical, musical, speaker of renown like Guseville, etc.).
It would be nice to have guest speakers: topics: health, government, history, medical insurance, Medicare; on a mid-week afternoon like senior friends used to have.
Day trips.
More one-day trips.

**2. What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Maybe a class for those who have lost their mate - a time to share grief, not a dating service. Maybe a sing-a-long might also be fun - old favorites and new ones also.

Social erudite afternoons - no games, i.e., speaker followed by discussion and questions; plays presented by students/volunteers; classic movies; inspirational speakers to stimulate new/original thinking; day trips with educational leadership guide; lunch at new/unique restaurants w/transportation provided; demonstrations of a variety of hobbies, collections, new "in" equipment; biographical sketches of historical personalities - not political.

I'm still working full time and not enough time to enjoy these services.

1 day trips; Royals baseball games.

The seats were not good for the Starlight Theater. I would rather pay more and have better seats or not go at all.

Medical experts on Saturday afternoons.

More day trips.

Not attended enough to know.

Poetry; writing; music instruction at beginner level.

Day trips to places of interest nearby planned for Tuesday or Thursday.

I am moving out of town - which is why I did not respond to the first inquiry.

All and any day trips. Two day, 1 night trips also.

Teaching, reading french; computer classes - especially part beginners.

I think that what you offer is excellent, but at the present time I am not in a position to participate - perhaps at a later date. ...

On day trips, I wish they could possibly add more buses - it sometimes is difficult to get into these in time.

I think you do a great job on all things. I'm just too busy with volunteering and church activities.

Trips nearby.

Love the Kansas Day program!!

Could we get any discount on JCCC cultural events??

More one day trips in and around KC area. Perhaps we could repeat several of the trips that have been made in the past. I suggest trips to Topeka, Jefferson City, Lawrence, Wichita, St. Louis, Fort Riley, Lincoln, NE, etc. There seems to be no limit for 1, 2, and 3 day trips.

Any and all how to's: art lessons, cooking (love the chef school), sewing, handcrafts (crochets, etc.), crafts, home repairs, etc. At Kansas Day, we were wondering if the under 18 or 21 crowd could have a separate event since so many older members had to leave. We have a group of 6-10 who come together.

Thanks for your time, concern, and interest. Kansas Day has been better when only B&G sponsored. Sorry it couldn't have been moved to Yardley!

We have plenty of activities through our church and bridge activities.

I really like the dinner theater and trips here in Kansas and Missouri.

I would like another chance to visit the Harley-Davidson plant - I missed the first one.

2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Book club in evenings. There is a lot of information on organizing and running book clubs on the Internet.

I am 83 years old, but I am endeavoring to learn the keyboard on an old computer. I'd be interested in knowing if there is a class I could attend. I usually go away a couple of weeks near Easter. I live approximately a mile from JCCC. Thank you. ...

Class on choosing a computer.

Thanks, you do a great job!

Just now, I need to care for my husband who is ill.

We appreciate the mailings, but have not joined in any programs recently and do not feel our opinion should be taken. You all do a fine job!

On several occasions I have called for more information on the same day I received the notice. I was told the trip was filled already. Do other people get an advanced notice? I don't bother anymore.

I day trips, park and ride van to class, reserved parking areas.

World news and political events outside the US; world economy; politics of many foreign countries.

Water exercise; hot tub.

Water exercises/hot tub facilities.

More movies.

I think you have a wonderful program; however, at this stage (57 years old), I still have teens at home and am working on a degree at JCCC. So I have no time to participate. As I get more "golden" I hope to be more active. Thank you for what you do.

I'm just too involved in things closer to home at this time, but I do enjoy some entertainment like the dinner theater.

I don't like to drive at night, so activities offered in afternoons would be appreciated. I am usually tied up on Monday through Thursday each week. I did call the B&G phone number and received no answer. ...

I appreciate the services you offer to the B&G members. You are an asset to the community. Thank you!

More Starlight performances and music hall theater performances.

I volunteer at church - work part time - and have a husband in a nursing home; no time for more work.

More dinner theater, other similar things.

I'm fairly new to the area, it would be difficult for me to know what to suggest. I need transportation.

Line dancing, exercise.

Musical entertainment.

The activities and day trips are good; however, there does not seem to enough tickets, etc. to be able to accommodate all who want to participate. Perhaps there should be a lottery to see who goes. I won't even try again and I have heard the same thing from three others I know. Be able to buy academic software from the bookstore all the time as a member.

2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

I would like to see different guest artists throughout the year. We have had the same artists for Valentines Day and St. Patrick's Day and Christmas for years. That is one of the reasons I have stopped attending on these occasions. When you go at Christmas, you expect to see a Christmas program. This year's program was very disappointing - very short and a very few Christmas songs. All these artists are very good, but we need a change once in a while.

I do not drive at night. I have enjoyed the activities I've attended. I do not have anything to add.

More day-trip activities.

Do not have to have a first class hotel - medium prices are fine. Then we can go more often. Thanks.

Do you have water aerobics? If so, I would be interested.

More events with 50 plus like the dance last September at the Doubletree.

I went to one music/drama event after the event when I joined and took one class when I received a discount. That was years ago. I just have my plate full of organizational work. I belong to where we do volunteer work and raise money for our projects. I'm busy in my church, so I can't give you any good answers. What you do is fine and sometime maybe I can participate.

Travelogues to anywhere in our great country!

Provide a 2 or 3 session class on helping one to complete the IRS form 1040. Nothing complex, but just the basic steps to take.

Line dancing.

Tutors.

It would be nice to be permitted to have a seat to a program after driving over 30 miles (one way). I just heard over the radio that Overland Park residents could get in ½ price to a Yardley Hall program that is currently showing. I don't like the idea of behaving the same way the older folks have been - shoving to the front to get into a small theater because of knowing they would be denied a seat if good manners were practiced. The January 28th program was advertised in many papers.

I am single and wondering if there are other single people in B&G. It would be helpful if B&G provided some activities for working single people.

Ballroom dance activities or classes for single members.

Christmas party.

Day trips.

I'm new to the B&G club - don't really have any opinions yet but I do imagine I will utilize the services/advantages more as time goes on. Thanks.

Never have classes on Mondays.

Bridge lessons and classes.

Day trips. Dinner or lunch theaters. Starlight theater. Movies at college - used to go but not receiving schedule recently. Sports events.

We appreciate and thoroughly enjoy the events we have been able to attend.

We really enjoyed the day trips we went on.

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We like and appreciate the special events sponsored and promoted by B&G (KS Day, Valentines Day, etc). We also enjoy the travelogue events which B&G could be involved in. Is it possible that a dance party for B&G members could be held in the gym and be really enjoyed by all. What about a craft/antique show put on for the members?

Movies, plays.

All are superior! Maybe more computer (B&G only) classes for us slow learners.

More free entertainment.

I would love to volunteer in many ways but health does not allow.

Trips to gambling boats.

Book clubs or book discussions.

Use of school facilities for low power aerobics and swim aerobics (provided if a pool was available).

Due to our heavy babysitting schedule we cannot become involved with B&G at this time.

Very much appreciate being able to enroll in credit courses in computers at no cost. The books; however, run about $50 so it really isn't at no cost. Please continue this opportunity.

Helping the disabled members to attend some of the activities.

Workshops given by well-known artists. Workshops should be 1, 1 ½, or 2 days. Students should be limited to 16. Most interest would be in oil, pastel or watercolor. Very few held in KS and MO.

More short trips with space for all to participate.

Day trips are always a refreshing break - at this time in my life, I am much too busy with work and tired, plus the norm of bills, yard, house, etc. to involve or commit myself to anything further...January 2002, hopefully I will retire - so I have a lot to attend to this year. I have always enjoyed the few activities of B&G that I have attended.

Local day trips.

Trip discounts on foreign or domestic cultural or learning experiences (not sponsored by B&G).

Prefer day trips. Suggestions: Bridges of Madison County, Rainforest (Omaha, NE), and the zoo.

It is disconcerting to go to a B&G activity and find all seats taken and be turned away for a lack of space! Perhaps a larger theater for popular programs.

Day trips: Nebraska City to VF Mall and other day trips. Maybe to local casinos.

Organ concerts; music; I don't drive too much and afraid to go out by myself at night; I have respiratory problems, so I can't walk a lot and don't care for too many stairs.

Day trips.

I think B&G with JCCC has provided an excellent opportunity for the 55+ sector. I am taking two 1-hour classes. My books will cost as much as the tuition I saved - but I am happy with it. This has been my first experience with B&G - a very good experience.

I enjoy the exercise offered us and the privilege to use the walking track. All people are so helpful. ... Wonderful program!

Not new, but classes in DOS. Fred Anderson teaching PAF (personal ancestral file).

**2. What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Safe use of medications. How to collaborate with your pharmacist and physician for the best health possible. See attached article (forwarded to Kris Dye).

Financial planning without a sales pitch! Retirement planning without a sales pitch for those not yet retired. An overall view of city wide activities available and of interest to retirees both for entertainment and for active participation.

I'd like to see more foreign languages offered as classes.

When I have time, I enroll in various credit classes. At present I play in the JCCC band three days a week.

Sorry to be late with this - I have been in Florida since early December.

I work 5 days a week, so any of the above probably would not for me at this time.

JCCC is broadcasting two language programs each morning - Spanish 7AM channel 17 and French news with subtitles 7:30AM each day - also channel 17. SCOLA donates these broadcasts and have a web site with more information. Www.scola.com Also newsweek international is on CL226 and quite interesting. Thanks! ...

Trips such as walking; slow hiking nature walks; bird watching in good weather. Every one bring their own lunch - a possible site might be the arboretum a Shawnee Mission Park.

A good movie agenda w/current releases.

Still working. Will volunteer after retirement.

There are activities I would be interested in; however, I am still working on a degree program and it leaves me with little to no time for other activities. I truly wish I could participate.

Someone to contact members in the same area - to possibly 'car pool' to events, etc. Especially at night. Where I am a people person, it sometimes gets old going alone. ...

You have a great program.

Travelogues on Ireland, Austrian Castles, Switzerland; city trips to the Frontier Trails Museum in Independence, MO (across from Vail mansion); another Kansas History program by Esther Kreed (hammered dulcimer).

Cards; exercise; computer - video - new ideals on computer; painting - Bob Ross; bird study; nature walks with grandchildren.

I am a working person, so it's hard to participate. When I retire, I will participate - until then I will continue being a member. ... Thank you for your inquiry.

I think there is already a variety of great programs. I'm unable to attend a lot of them.

I think you are doing a good job with what you have and are now doing.

I would like to see JCCC provide a table tennis table (ping pong) for open use.

New Theater - every new show.

One day trips. ...

Anything on a stage - theatrical, musical, etc. Would like Starlight or Dinner Theater only if good seats were available.

Yoga classes; exercise, swimming, crochet, computer - just for seniors.

Parking, parking, parking! A second location - I live in Shawnee. Parking, parking, parking.

You're doing a great job!

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2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

Day trips; Powell Gardens, Excelsior Springs, North Kansas City shopping and restaurants.
Some small groups 'get to know you" activities. These might take place before B&G programs.
I think classes on estate planning and taxes and investing would be beneficial to most.
Perhaps day trips.
I have been a member of B&G for years and want to continue but I have never taken advantage of any of your wonderful programs - the reason being with family, church, bridge, and La Setoma. I am too busy - maybe some day soon my personal life will need the fellowship of B&G.
Unable to offer new suggestions.
I only wish I could be more active and enjoy the great shows!
Already great activities. I find myself busy!
Perhaps a time where people could interface with each other and get ideas on how to cope, live, travel, eat, laugh, exercise, and get through each day.
Warm water (95 degrees); exercise in pool for disabled/arthritic.
More parking space.
I think you are all doing a good job. I am still working so it is difficult for me to participate.
Bad mitten group; table tennis group; bridge group.
Since I'm still working, though all of these topics are interesting, I'm not ready until after I retire. I am really busy now. Sorry!
I like the ones you have. They are great!
Computer - beginning stages. Music programs - organ and piano.
Concerts; band concerts.
Sorry to be late (by a month) but we've just joined and had to be out of town. So, for whatever it's worth, here's our information.
More concerts. Instrumental or singing.
We are in our 90s and unable to attend your activities, but we enjoy hearing about them. We wish you much success.
Grateful for use of physical fitness work out room.
Bicycle trips.
Some sort of forum where senior singles can meet. Man/man; woman/woman; man/woman groups.
Computer-related subjects.
I enjoy your programs but I have no suggestions for further programs. You are doing a good job.
We cannot attend any of your functions as we are helping our son at his restaurant. We enjoy the movies on Friday evening. Sorry I cannot fill any of the questions. ...



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2. **What other new activities or services would you like to see offered to members? (continued):**

I have not been attending anything that you have offered because for the past 2 ½ years I have been a volunteer manager at Hadassah's Bargain Center - 8429 Wornall Rd., K.C., MO. At 88 years of age, it has been one of the greatest challenges of my life. We have been in business on Main St. for 40 years and at this location for 3 years. We have dispensed with clothing, which was our major product. We are now in used furniture - of the highest quality of any used furniture in K.C. This explains why I am not a participant of the Brown & Gold Club. ...

We enjoy it when we can come - loved the Ragtime! I have no suggestions - thank you.

I already mailed in my completed survey, but I forgot to mention one thing. Your phone number has only a recorded message with an area for messages to be left. You say you will return phone calls. I have been waiting for 3 days and still no return phone call - when you do, I will probably not be home. You need a better system.

We have not attended any events and right now it looks like we won't due to illness. ...

I am 98 years old and am not interested in participating in any program. It is a great organization for the seniors. ...

Your programs all sound great; however, because of a health condition, I am not able to participate. ... Since I did have a travel club - day tours, weekend and domestic tours - I would be pleased to tell you of some that are especially interesting.

Some of us work, you know? Why are all of the activities before 5:00 pm? Why is there nothing available for us over 55-years old who still work? All of your activities are for retired people, and therefore, we working people (I am 65!) cannot participate!

We sent our survey back when you first requested it - but after yesterday's experience, I would like to add this note. My husband and I were embarrassed by all the people who had to be turned away from the excellent Kansas Day Program. It was so well advertised in the KC Star, etc. that there was no room - was Yardley Hall not available? Many people were quite disturbed about this. We felt like leaving and giving away our two seats to other guests, but we were in the middle of a row and would have disturbed several others. I do hope next time there is plenty of seating.

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3. **How often have you participated in Brown & Gold activities within the past year? If never, why haven't you participated in any recent Brown & Gold activities?**

New member (n=94)
Still working (n=83)
Disabled/medical problems/caretaker (n=49)
Too busy/gone a lot (n=37)
No one to come with/don't like to go places alone (n=14)
Scheduling of events was inconvenient/conflicts (n=12)
Cost/too expensive/couldn't afford (n=11)
Event already booked solid/no space when I arrived/full (n=11)
Do not go out at night (n=9)
Parking (n=7)

3. **How often have you participated in Brown & Gold activities within the past year? If never, why haven't you participated in any recent Brown & Gold activities? (Continued)**

Need transportation (n=4)
Conflicting dates.
Location - especially in winter.
Don't like driving in heavy traffic.
I usually usher when there is activity at JCCC.
I live in Merriam and would like to attend things in North Johnson County.
I recently received the 2001 activities bulletin.
Distance to JCCC is too great.
Hard to find something.
We don't get any news.
Your offerings are excellent! I just can't seem to get myself into activity.
Rather far from home.
No place to sit while having refreshments. The classroom made available sometimes was occupied by non-handicapped persons.
Already have season tickets.
I do not take credit courses with B&G .
I have participated in 3 or 4 special programs in the afternoon and ongoing fitness and personal computer courses. Transportation needed at night. I have taken Spanish and will take a computer course soon. I have taken the fitness for life program five times, including now.
I did enjoy the day trips earlier as a new widow, but my church and volunteer/OP Regional Med keeps me busy. I was sick when the trips I wanted were available!!
I'm in credit classes all the time that I can get transportation.
Husband is not interested.
Inconvenient location.
I took classes, but not activities. (Algebra, computer, lifetime fitness).
Did not read newsletter well enough.
Just getting interested after retirement.
Too much walking.
I don't drive on expressways and getting to JCCC the long way does take a lot of time. I recently retired and am trying to get some things done at home before I get too involved.
Just graduated from Leadership and just joined Brown & Gold.
Family death.
JCCC is too far for me to drive. I enjoy current events lectures on Mondays at 75th and Roe.
Just didn't work out.
Sometimes I do not know about them until I have read they are over!
Sometimes I forgot.
Live too far away.
Failed to put on calendar.
Lazy.

**3. How often have you participated in Brown & Gold activities within the past year? If never, why haven't you participated in any recent Brown & Gold activities? (Continued)**

For several years my wife and I attended special programs. Too many steps to climb from the parking space reserved for my wife; inadequate seating after refreshments (sitting on steps are not comfortable for eating refreshments)!
I am 88, but active.
Poor health, so unable to partake in the refreshments as no place to sit.
I am going to the Valentine program.
I am currently taking credit courses toward a transfer degree.
I had a house fire and have just moved back into my home. I had intended to become more active - maybe I can soon.
Speakers at Carlsen Center.
Infrequent newsletter is all we receive.
I will be attending an up-coming event.
Not ready to be "seniors" - we joined to use the fitness center only.
I don't live very close to JCCC.
Too crowded - no place to sit for refreshments. People sitting on stairs - blocking the way.
Didn't want to find the meeting place.
Friday movies and computer classes.
We have found a lack of information.
Have taken a Saturday class.
Enjoy the movies.
I have in the past, but not recently.
I can only walk short distances. For me, the location of computer classes is perfect (across from library).
I wanted to go to S. Valentines, but had to have tickets and I didn't know that.
I am usually interested in the movies that are offered.
Every week, gym, etc.
Presently enrolled.
Great Decisions; non-credit classes; movies.
I plan to participate when my family obligations are finished.
I have had some health problems; limiting activities, and I feel I need to finish obligations that I am committed to before participating in new interests now.
A casino now and then.
Weather conditions.
I have been trying to get my teeth cleaned - I registered last fall but haven't received an appointment yet.
Sometimes the event has already passed when I receive the newsletter.
I wasn't a member - and the long drive in inclement weather.
Still getting adjusted to death of my partner.
I go to the fitness center 3 times per week. Wonderful!

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4. **Brown & Gold members may enroll in JCCC credit classes on a space available basis free of charge. What *credit* courses would you like to see offered in addition to those already in the credit bulletin?**

Various computer classes (n=78)
Art (n=10).
Woodworking/wood shop/power tools (n=5)
Stock market, investing (n=5).
More neighborhood places offering classes off campus (n=5)
Music appreciation/history//lessons (n=4)
More of the popular courses/too many closed (n=3)
Photography (n=4).
Cooking (n=2)
Life experience classes toward higher degree (n=2).
Aviation pilot training (n=2)
Ballroom dancing (n=2).

Public speaking.
Manual arts - machine shop operation, welding, silversmithing, etc. - small groups at a low cost.
Weight watchers type program.
European or Eastern Mythology.
Acupuncture - accupressure.
Family history - genealogy.
Conflict management, getting along with people, and time management.
Quilting.
Senior citizen related classes with various speakers.
Spanish language.
More short, 6 week classes, especially computer classes.
Calligraphy.
Horticulture during daytime hours. Propagation classes.
Need to send info out so those who aren't at JCCC get it.
Anthropology.
Security analysis.
Courses on learning about conducting your medical, financial, etc. matters in every day living. Seniors need the knowledge.
Arts and crafts, activities (dancing, specialities).
Enjoyed Spanish class - would like more French and Italian classes.
Ceramics and fiber arts and stained glass.
Taxes, retirement
More classes in Photoshop. Classes on opera, jazz, bluegrass music.
Updated office procedures and different machines, etc. (Switch board).
Simple budget plans, simpler investing course.



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More Comp. I & II during days while transportation is available. And mature staff members who can accept mature students!
Quick Books Pro.
Political activism, practical law, medical alternatives.
Bioethics.
Upholstering; small machines.
Courses offered are fine; however, enrolling is impossible since they are always filled.
I joined B&G primarily for the free credit courses and have so far earned about 28 college credits. I'm happy with these.
More literature classes - English department; more literature - English department.
3 hours - Photoshop.
Broader range of humanities and liberal arts.
A walking fitness class.
Philosophy, astronomy, physics.
Make available access to decorating (home) program. Primary prerequisite always filled up when available for B&G enrollment. .
Writing; short story lecture.
Free life fitness, and you don't have to have a grade for the class (A,B,C,D,F).
I would like to take any new history class they might add. I've already taken all the ones offered.
Legal; nursing.
Creative writing - oil painting - speech or public speaking.
Automotive paint and body repair.
Genealogy, if not already offered.
B & G members need to be able to enroll by phone or evenings for working people.
What has been offered is a very good variety of classes. It is the availability that is sometimes a problem. The cost of books is ridiculous.
T.V.
Geology and archeology.
Interest in nature - zoology, etc. and advanced photography for my husband.
I stopped trying to enroll. The college staff is uncooperative with seniors. They think we interfere with "serious students" based on their specific comments. I have an engineering degree, an MBA, and I've done graduate work at Northwest University. That's reasonably serious - more than the flippy females in the office.
Computer courses of a price competitive to ACTS.
Bookkeeping.
Archeology and anthropology.
Local Kansas City history.
A 1 hour beginner class in computers was filled with young "experts" who needed one hour of credit, and the teacher ignored the true beginners - this also happened in a water-color painting class - full of older people who were "experts".



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Medication.
Offer a chance to audit, but pay fees.
Pattern making.
Selected Bible courses would be interesting.
Languages like Polish.
Signing.
I played in the band. The director was great, but I thought the youngsters got preference.
International sales and marketing.
History, photograph, Spanish, painting, drawing, pottery.
Help on income taxes.
Beginning music classes. Learning to read music. Beginning piano or other instruments.
Bridge cards, piano, exercise, health.
Estate planning.
More classes or acting.
Comparative religions during the day.
Tennis, golf.
Sign language - driving (to improve our old habits).
More independent studies - without fixed class times.
Literature, European history.
Literature, travel. I have my degree. I have been a school teacher.
Badminton; table tennis.
Business management.

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5. **Brown & Gold members may enroll in JCCC noncredit classes for a reduced fee. What *noncredit* classes would you like to see offered in addition to those already in the noncredit bulletin?**

Computers (n=84)
Cooking/baking (n=15)
Art/art history/specific types of art classes (n=13)
Genealogy (n=12)
  Fred Anderson teaching personal ancestral file (PAF) 5.0 will soon be available. (Not a different teacher) - his cell phone number is 501-601-1992.
Foreign languages (not specified, n=4)
  Spanish (n=9)
  French (n=7)
  German (n=5)
  Italian in the summer (n=1)
Health/fitness (n=8)
Music/reading music/music history/composers/piano lessons (n=8)
Bridge (n=5)



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Finance/investments (n=5)
Dance/ballroom dancing (n=4)
Horticulture/gardening/house plants (n=4)
Small engine repair; auto AC servicing.
Navajo rug weaving.
Manual arts - machine shop operation, welding, woodworking, silversmithing, etc. - small groups at a low cost. All hard/soft sciences.
Always wanted to study Latin.
Weight watchers type program.
Aviation pilot training.
Natural foods for health.
How to continue with life.
Woodworking for ladies, quilting.
Water aerobics.
Classical music, pencil drawing, international travel.
Yoga, ballet exercises..
Philosophy - at least 2-4 hours.
Small gasoline engine repair.
Beginning keyboard lessons.
Woodworking.
Tai chi.
Idiots Guide to Understanding Football.
PC repair and upgrade classes.
Poetry.
Interior design.
Interior decorating of small units, crafts, sewing.
A sponsored investment club.
More classes geared towards baby boomers and their interests; classes that may help baby boomers discover second careers after early retirement.
Journaling.
Practical math.
Self-help classes.
Metal working and woodworking.
Practical course for widows - I see some in the current catalog. However, I was not aware of these courses until today.
Ceramics, pottery (on pottery wheel).
Candle making with good qualified teachers (candle maker).
Ceramics and fiber arts and stained glass.
I didn't receive a schedule for spring classes. When I did enroll in a class (computer) I was called 3 days in advance and told my class was canceled.
Art classes on campus - not spread out all over the city! More daytime classes.
Basic humanities survey class.

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More classes in Photoshop, photography, opera, jazz, bluegrass music.
Automobile care, single travel for seniors.
Craft classes.
Small engine repair; ballroom dancing.
Photography - digital.
Physical/mental maintenance for seniors.
Wood shop - a how to for power tools - credit's unimportant.
Please don't drag out senior courses - example: 2 hours x 6 classes as opposed to 3 hours x 4 classes.
Primarily interested in special events; new theater musicals.
I do not have a noncredit bulletin. However, I would be most interested in history and international relations.
Speed reading (I don't know if it's offered).
Dog obedience and training.
Carpentry, building at home.
More quilting classes; rubber stamping; story telling.
Does not make sense to me--to audit a class should be free, and to take a class for credit should be offered at a reduced cost.
Upholstery and furniture.
Philosophy, astronomy, physics.
I would like more satellite courses on computer usage at area high schools. As a senior citizen I would like to learn more about computers and still pay taxes to our local schools.
EMT certification classes.
My interest is art - like closest high school. What percentage is senior cost?
Defensive driving, income tax.
Massage class and walking/jogging in the gym and gardening.
Yoga - Tai Chi.
Field trips or hands on activity where you interact. Listening to lectures is a thing of the past.
More sensory matters: ESP, past-lives, tarot cards, etc.
Creative writing - oil painting - speech or public speaking.
Seamanship and boating safety.
Arts and crafts, hobbies.
My sister and I enrolled in a beginner computer class and found it unsatisfactory as most of the people were more advanced.
Not interested in the high cost of 2-3 day classes (not worth the cost in my opinion).
T.V.
Interested in classes but choose not to go because of the poor parking situation.
Oriental ink brush art class.
Legal issues for seniors.
Oil painting - landscapes and seascapes.



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Feng shui; alternative medicine.
Flower arranging.
Daytime Tai-chi.
Beginner classes should be only for beginners!
Quilting (n=2).
Medication.
History, especially ancient; pottery (sculpture, thrown).
Personal sewing class.
Woodworking.
Beginning writing course.
Signing.
Classes on nutrition and home maintenance.
Classes of women and money.
"Upholstery for dummies" - beginners, then more for advanced.
World history.
I have completed 3 classes in the last year. Now I'm looking for a good course in creative writing. I would like to know qualifications of the instructors before enrolling.
More basic photography classes.
Tips for seniors in every day living.
Welding.
Floral arrangements.
I would like some water painting classes that could be held in the morning.
½ day to 1 ½ day sessions on various topics - don't want to be committed to weeks or a semester.
Interior design/decorating.
Would you consider letting B&G members audit (on a space available status) a credit course since many of us are looking for additional college credits?
Why reduced fee?
We need woodworking classes again. JCCC stopped having these 7-8 years ago. These classes were always filled with men and women.
Needlepoint.
Handwriting analysis.
Management courses.
I want to learn more about the Internet, but the instructors are not really informative according to the people I have talked to who have taken the class. I took a class on Adobe Illustrator and we were all disappointed. He was from England and did not follow the book and kept changing the process in the middle. We were all confused - young and old. A young girl from work took the class with me and neither of us learned much.
Auto repair, small engine repair, house repairs.
Massage - foot reflexology; gardening classes - landscaping.

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I have enjoyed watercolor - not offered at a convenient location since G. Robb taught afternoon classes.
I think the non-credit classes are too expensive.
Political issues - local, state, national.

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6. **Brown & Gold Club sponsors a potpourri series on various topics. What topics would you like to see covered in the future, and which guest speakers would you like to see scheduled?**

Financial topics/wills & trust/planning for retirement/investing (n=7)
Financial advisors such as Peter Newman, Adam Bowles, etc.
Long term care, stock market explained
Travelogues (n=10)
Shifra Stein (author - day trips) 816-753-3208.
A panel of volunteers and their unusual experiences.
Maybe have paid speakers such as health providers, doctors, nurses, etc., or members of the faculty.
Current events
Kay Barnes; Carol Sader; Dr. Bob Munrilly.
Current issues regarding Johnson County (n=4). Contact by telephone, letter.
How Johnson County is run
State and regional issues - rail transportation, property taxes, suburban sprawl, local influence of churches on family values (PANEL).
National and local affairs - professors from jr. colleges.
National correspondents - such as Tom Brokaw; State politics - keeping politics low key.
Congressmen; Representatives (n=2).
Legislation being considered in Congress that will affect our age group. Perhaps, one of our Kansas Senators or Representatives would be able to speak to our group.
Local congressman (Dennis Moore) or local state legislators.
Just good information and what it is like in Washington DC from former US Presidents and/or their wives: Senator Bob Dole, Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker. Maybe a health panel to discuss current preventative measures or answer general type questions.
Government, city, county officials.
Ed Pugh (R) Kansas State Senator from Wamego, KS - topic, bills before the KS legislature.
Politics, medicine, current events.
Politics
Political events, policies, opinions.
Politicians and judges.
Political candidates, natural gas executives.



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What role can the senior citizens play in local government to further the causes of senior citizens.
Guswelle from KC Star.
Dan Henry; Charles Guswelle.
Howard Zinn - historian; Naum Chomsky - political action; minor political parties like the Green Party.
Health related topics.
How humor plays a role in good health/or how a sense of humor or laughter keeps us well
Health topics by PhD's and MD's in different areas (outside JCCC).
Health issues - how to deal with persons suffering from clinical depression.
Diet information for seniors and how to use weights.
Alzheimer Disease - detection/treatment - physician specializing; legal ways to protect your estate - trusts, living wills, etc. - Dennis Columbo, Atty. At Law.
Diabetes.
Health issues of seniors; cooking.
Book reviews and discussion groups.
Discussion groups: waiters and customers, doctors and patients, lawyers and clients, mechanics and customers, cosmetology students and customers, dental students and customers --- start with a skit - how we do and wish they would deal with each other.
Landscaping, gardens.
Gardening in our area (what plants and trees and grasses do well here).
Gardening in Kansas, historical homes in Kansas.
Civil war, gardening.
Civil war. Government, local, county, state.
Geology, history of region, geography
Interested in learning how to get started in genealogy
Researching/recording family history.
Genealogy, travel abroad, Elder hostel, fitness.
The person in charge of art at JCCC.
More on music, 2-3 dances per year.
Art, dance.
Music programs (n=3)
Music, dance, art.
Music concerts or vocalists, especially in classical music. Other professionals (e.g., astronomer, PC expert) from varied fields.
Local news people and local weather people from local stations.
Katie Horner on weather (n=2).
Euthanasia, esthetics, morality, aging programs.
International relations, international economies, Politics.
Your own instruction: "Phun Physics," "Mystical Math," etc. Tour to GM, P/P.
Story writing.
More on international relations



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Overseas tours
Dead Sea Scrolls.
Local TV "Behind the Scenes" Chief or Royal Personalities.
American Indian history.
Global cultures, asteroids.
Biographies of historically famous people - college professors, great artists (past and present), mystery book fans, and Nelson Gallery curators.
National books and their authors (i.e., education, government, left behind the scenes).
Find the best presenters/speakers on any topic (for me speaker is more important than the topic). I do like to hear speakers on local history - past, present, future.
Line dancing, comedians, famous people who would be in town that day, Mike Murphy - on past radio times.
Plays, musicals, comedy shows, basketball tours, anything that would be pure entertainment, but educational.
Aviation related, IFR, weather, computers - Internet, down-loading attachments, file management.
Astronomy - not basic, somewhat advanced. Kansas School of Finance. Anything that is followed by serving those wonderful sugar cookies.
Space exploration.
Charlie Plumb - POW Vietnam.
KC Zoological Gardens - Denise Renoina; holidays in other countries; composers and their works.
Wonderful teacher and speaker, Drew Leder, MD, Ph D., author of Spiritual Passages - Embracing Life's Sacred Journey. Putnam Special Markets, 200 Madison Ave., NY, NY 10016 (212) 951-8891.
Robert Kapilan and Ann Manson - Symphony.
People from the arts and cultural world.
Home security and home safety (falls and injuries).
West, cowboy poetry, history
Entertainers.
Could Myra Christopher from Midwest Bioethics speak on some current topics such as genetic engineering or is that too serious?
Perhaps you could partner with a rainy day book for book review or clubs.
Book talks about new novels; investing to benefit grandchildren; make-up for senior females; use of new computers and software; Internet usage without risk of privacy; health practices for ailing seniors.
Groups of similar vocation pursuits to have a meeting.
There are so many crooked politicians in this state that you'll never be allowed to have any one speak publicly to tell the truth. Not in Kansas. They have cut me off of all and any medical care and education possibilities and all transportation.
Vibrant speakers - not only those involved with senior citizens.

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The environment - it's problems and preservation for the future. Implementing waiting reform in our state and around the country. What is being done to move this forward before public's attention is lost?
Information about wills (for a single person) and money investments for women.
Col. Jack Brooks - WWII topics, phone number 648-2517.
Kathleen Sebelius is the commissioner of Insurance for Kansas and new NAIC president. She has a wealth of information for seniors.
The expanding universe - recent space discoveries.
I am interested in hearing speakers who have experience in international politics, business, human rights, environment, health, etc.
World economics; information on oceanography development.
History
Local history.
One or more sessions on historical places to visit within 100 miles of KC.
Kansas history - Kansas Historical Society
History of Korean War: John R. Williams 913-451-9530; Dr. Robert Rhodes 913-649-4171; Dr. Wayne Shireman 913-894-4009.
The US Constitution - the federal papers - how they are adhered to or circumvented as the case may be.
Chris Kiehl and Fred Krebs; Kansas history and current events.
More Fred Kreb's lectures (n=2)
Famous people in our history and country have been portrayed by Mr. Krebs and children (as well as B&G seniors) would have a lot more interest if this type of presentation could be used in teaching. Government, citizenship, the art of communicating, a second ; language, different faiths, etc.
Origin of the universe - someone from KU astronomy department; how do birds fly in flocks and fish swim in schools without hitting each other - someone from KU.
Health - Dr. Andrew Weil, PO Box 2061, Marion, OH 43306
New age and future-oriented programs.
National and international topics.
More speakers addressing health, nutrition, vitamins, and the aging process.
Laughter, living with stress from new technology, living with change and loving it, etc.
Recreational vehicles: boats, motor homes, etc.; investments.
I have enjoyed what is being offered. Because some of us are heavily involved in volunteer work, I would like to see some topics offered more than once (i.e., spring and fall or winter and summer) so that if we miss one season, we can catch another.
Appreciation and promotion of humanism, equality, and freedom among American society.
Kansas City Blues history. Monday nights at Blue Note are great, but how many of us old folks want to be driving at night in that area?
Any inspirational topic or speaker, as many seniors need this!



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Someone to focus on the competing proposals for drug coverage for senior citizens by the federal government - perhaps by Congressman, Dennis Moore.
Panel on abortion. Panel on morality in movies, theater, etc.
Overland Park/Johnson County history.
International business; religions of the world; space lecture; status of fuel alternatives; person or business to business exchange - Chamber of Commerce in KC arranges (reports of reaction are interesting).
Gas company speakers - KC's state utility regulators, town meeting type.
Please contact Lynn Rank 816-224-1099.
Writing.
Hot spots in the world.
Quilting.
Artistic programs at Carlsen Center are rather expensive. Do you provide B&G discounted admission fees?
Something geared to the adjustment of work to retirement in the evening so that people still working (last couple of years of work) could attend.
Inspirational speakers.
I would like another class or event about the chef classes - have tried to get into the "How to be a chef" classes whenever offered, but they fill up too quickly.
Up-to-date information on operating first-class personal computers.
Civic and business leaders.
It would be interesting to know more about the college - the buildings, future, art work, tours or speakers. Also it would be interesting to zero in on some local businesses or industries in the same way.
Bible study
I am against biotech engineering and would like to hear more. Also, "Fast Food Nation" is an excellent book to speak from.
Bring in Oprah, Rosie O'Donnell, Who wants to be a millionaire, and Wheel of Fortune.
Energy conservation; pollution control; political reform.
Knowing more about the agricultural industry for the urban citizen; contact KSU school of agriculture or Johnson County.
Magicians, hypnosis, country/western music and history.
Considerations/relocations and available housing types and styles.
More hobbies like collectable stamps, dishes, and quilts.
What might be available for retired people to participate in area-wide.
I have tried for 3 years to see the cooking school and trains without any success. I have just about given up.
Legal subjects; tips on 'how to'; current events; speakers without biases who can speak non-political.

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7. **Which of the following time periods for Brown & Gold events are best for you--comments.**

Depends on schedule--varies (n=26)
Any time (n=22)
Still working (n=19)
No evenings/don't drive at night (n=14)
Prefer evenings (n=11)
Whenever parking is available (n=9)
Prefer mornings (n=6)
Prefer weekends (n=6)
No weekends (n=4)
Evenings okay when it stays light longer (n=3)
No Sundays/not Sunday during football season (n=2)
No Mondays or Fridays (n=2)

**Other Comments:**

I'm a vol-star.
Fitness program is wonderful for seniors.
I prefer stage shows with lunch in historic areas - Arrowhead?
Consider meeting places more to the northeast area (Shawnee Mission East and North).
It would be good to have more wheelchair space for Carlson Center. I tried to get a ticket for Doc Wilson and wheelchair space was sold out.
JCCC needs a swimming pool for fitness!
In Johnson County there in never and no reasonable transportation. The amazing thing - not one psychiatrist has ever said I'm insane, just that I had married one. And to get out. But taking my vows seriously, I thought I had to stay. After 14 years of hell, I finally realized it was going to be death...either him killing me in one of his insane beatings for nothing or me killing him in self-defense.
As long as the event is held in a wheelchair accessible place.
Distance from my home to JCCC is sometimes a deterrent.
Last function we participated in - a lot of complaining by others. You have a hard group to please. See attached letter (forwarded to Kris Dye).